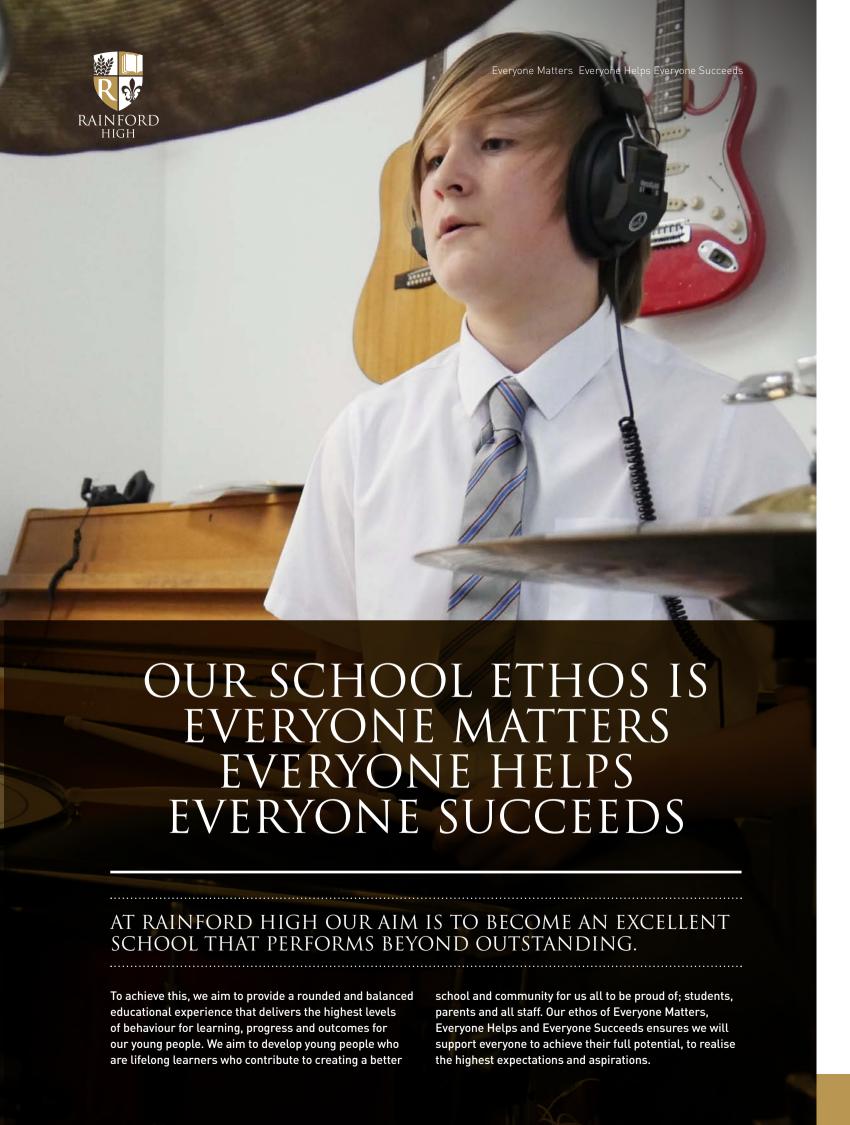


# EVERYONE MATTERS EVERYONE HELPS EVERYONE SUCCEEDS





#### WELCOME TO RAINFORD HIGH











WELCOME TO RAINFORD HIGH'S PROSPECTUS.

I am delighted you are considering Rainford High for your child, by choosing to send your child to Rainford our school will give them many opportunities, within and beyond the curriculum to develop and grow as we strive

to ensure all students receive an excellent education. As the founding Academy in the Rainford Academies Trust we hold a clear vision for delivering excellence and how we want our staff and students to achieve this.

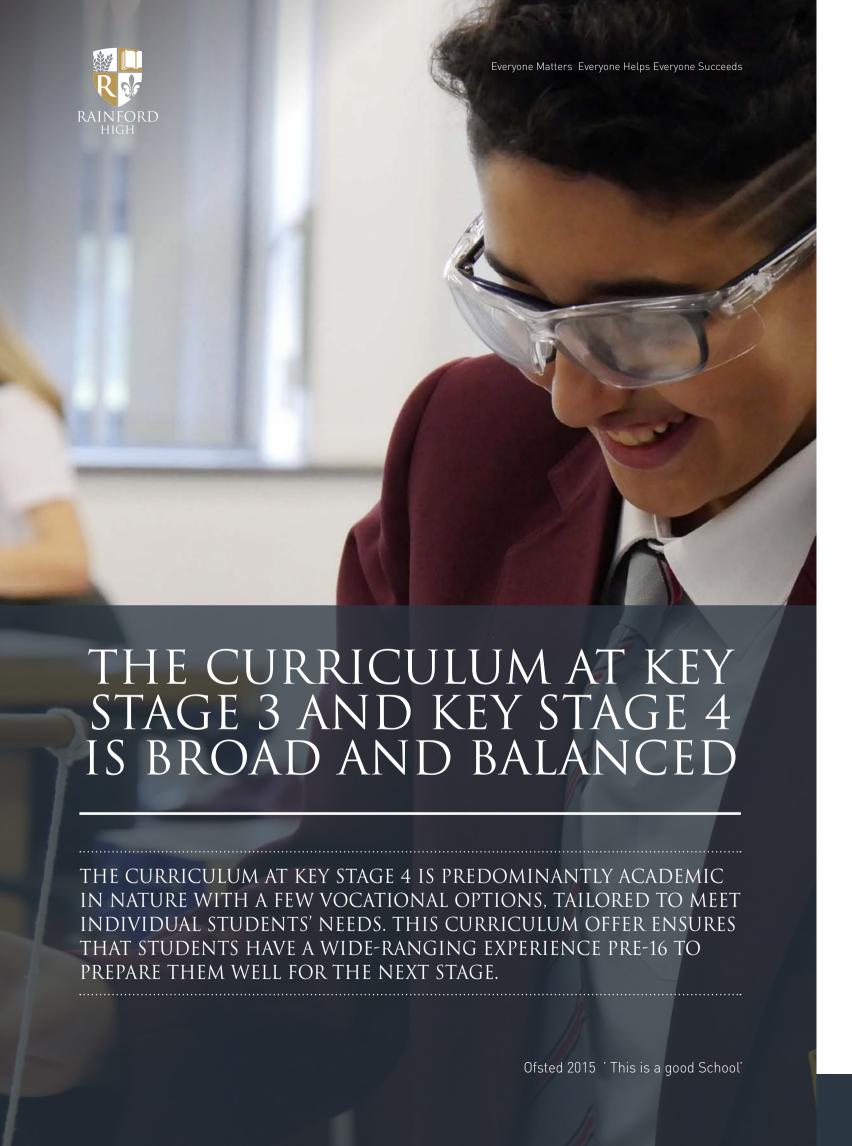
Our ethos is simple and based on three ideas; Everyone Matters. Everyone Helps and Everyone Succeeds. We expect all members of our community to be polite and respectful, make good choices and to work hard. These are the foundations of continuing to develop as a school and to delivering excellent outcomes for all students, staff and parents.

Your child will be supported and guided by supportive and caring staff to ensure they make strong progress and feel both happy and secure at Rainford High. As a school we aim to enthuse and excite children about learning.

We will develop their knowledge across a broad and balanced range of subjects to ensure they are well rounded individuals who have a clear understanding of the challenges they and the world face but also a confidence in their ability to solve problems and the resilience to face challenges they will face in the future. Our curriculum is designed to build on the foundations of Key Stage 2 to deliver stretch and challenge through Key Stages 3, 4 and 5; so that our students are capable of achieving strong outcomes in public examinations and achieving their full potential. We offer a wide range of extracurricular activities both sporting and cultural that will support their personal development and achievement.

Rainford High places the learner at the heart of the school, this means we expect you and your child to share our school vision of community where Everyone Matters, Everyone Helps and Everyone Succeeds. We are committed to partnership and delivering the highest quality of education and opportunity so your child can achieve their goals and ambitions in the future.

lan Young - Principal



#### CURRICULUM

At Rainford High we are developing a curriculum that supports, stretches and challenges our students from KS3 until they leave at the end of KS5. We work hard to ensure our students experience a smooth transition across Key Stage 3, 4 and 5.

Students are taught in broad ability groups to support their learning and progress at Key Stage 3. Our Assessment system at Key Stage 3 is focused on the student making the best progress possible from when they enter the school. Each student starts on a progress pathway at the beginning of each year based on their prior attainment.

We believe every student will achieve at least a year's growth with a year of good quality teaching. This means by the end of a year we expect all students to have made expected progress in all subjects and above expected in a number of subjects.

Students who above expected progress will change pathway at the start of the next academic year in those subjects to ensure those students are challenged sufficiently.











#### STUDENT SUPPORT

#### RAINFORD HIGH IS COMMITTED TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR AND PERSONAL WELL BEING OF ALL OUR STUDENTS

We do our utmost to make sure that every child is well known and cared for through our Pastoral system which is structured in Tutor Groups with a Learning Leader who keeps each young person's progress, behaviour and welfare under review.



There are well established systems for rewarding and acknowledging pupils who do well and for ensuring that those who do not meet our high expectations are helped to get back on track. Our calm and well ordered school community with its clear sense of mutual respect enables children to feel safe and to achieve.





Students are given individual targets for each key stage and parents are kept regularly informed of progress via progress reports and a Parents' Evening where parents can meet subject teachers.



Some young people may need additional support in order to make progress and a range of strategies and systems in school ensure that those with particular needs are helped to achieve.

Each student is allocated to one of four Houses: Derby, Holland, Lathom and Muncaster. Keen but friendly rivalry exists between the Houses and the regular Inter-House competitions from Sport, Music, Drama, etc allow much opportunity for participation by students.



## STUDENT CONDUCT AND PRESENTATION

#### AS A SCHOOL WE VALUE HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND HARD WORK

We believe that a disciplined and ordered working environment with high expectations encourages students to develop the self-discipline which is essential if they are to lead productive and happy lives.

To this end, emphasis is placed on a positive code of conduct, on high standards of personal presentation and on identifying qualities and values to which students should aspire. Good behaviour is expected, recognised and rewarded.

Conversely, parents can rest assured that when students occasionally fall below the standards required they

will be corrected, and where necessary, sanctions will be issued. Parents are always fully informed and it is expected that they will give strong support to the school in its efforts to eradicate misconduct and maintain the high standards necessary for an effective learning environment. As a school we value honesty, integrity and hard work.

Self-respect and pride in the school are values to be encouraged through the proper wearing of the school uniform for which, as in matters of discipline, full parental support is assumed.



#### BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

in their lives ()
if they are willing to
work hard
make sacrifices
and dedicate themselves
to the dream they have
SIR CHRIS HOY



IN ADDITION TO MANY TRIPS AND VISITS, RAINFORD OFFERS AN IMPRESSIVE RANGE OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WHICH CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS AND TO THEIR ENJOYMENT OF SCHOOL.

This list is but a sample of what is currently on offer:

- Regular Inter-House competitions take place in sport and cultural activities.
- A wide variety of sports clubs and school representative teams compete regularly, with an impressive range of achievements. Individual and team performances regularly gain recognition at Town, County and National level.
- Drama, Music and Dance at the school provide a showcase for the many talents of our young people. Recent major productions include: 'Blood Brothers', 'Our Day Out', 'Oh What a Lovely War', 'We Will Rock You' and 'Grease'.



- Our Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is highly successful with over 300 participants; the school is now the second largest DofE centre in the country. The DofE presents an unparalleled opportunity for students to build character and develop vital skills.
- We have an impressive commitment to local and national charities, with events co-ordinated by the Charity
   Committee, ensuring we raise many thousands of pounds annually for good causes.



### A 21ST CENTURY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



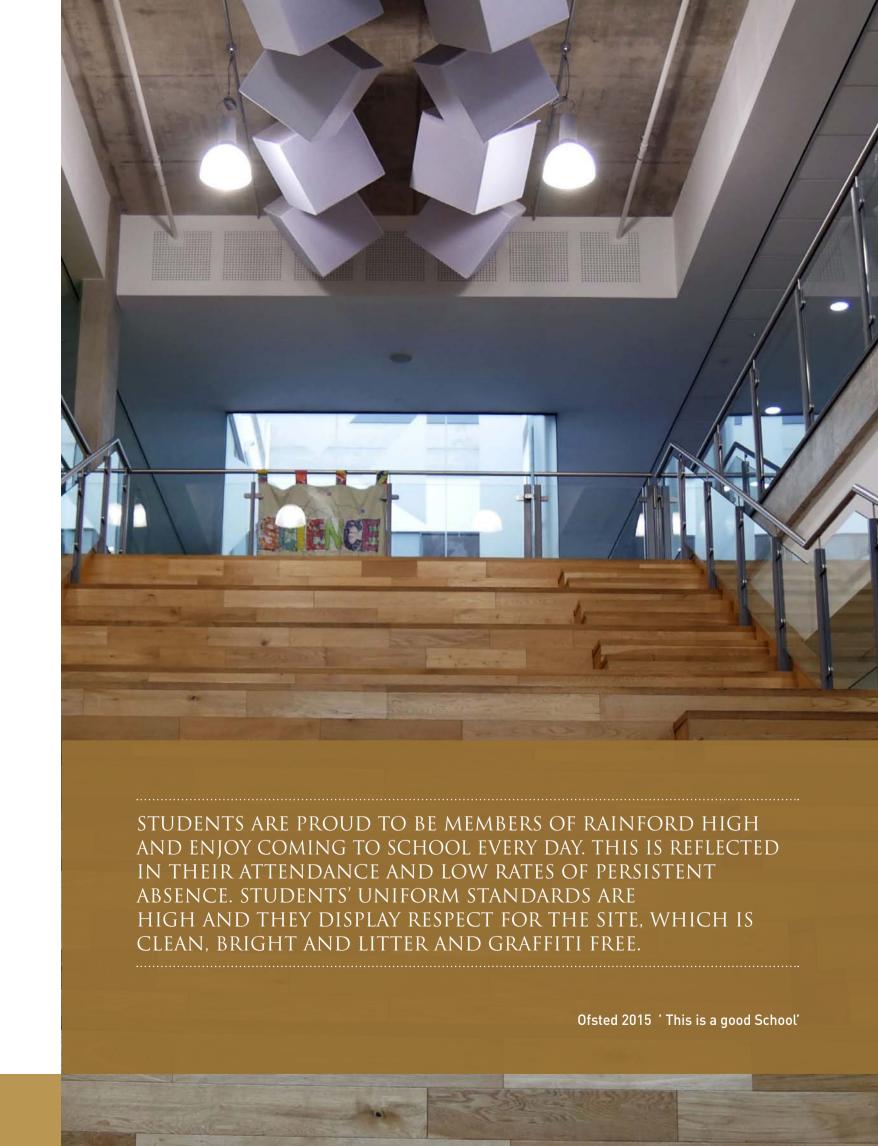


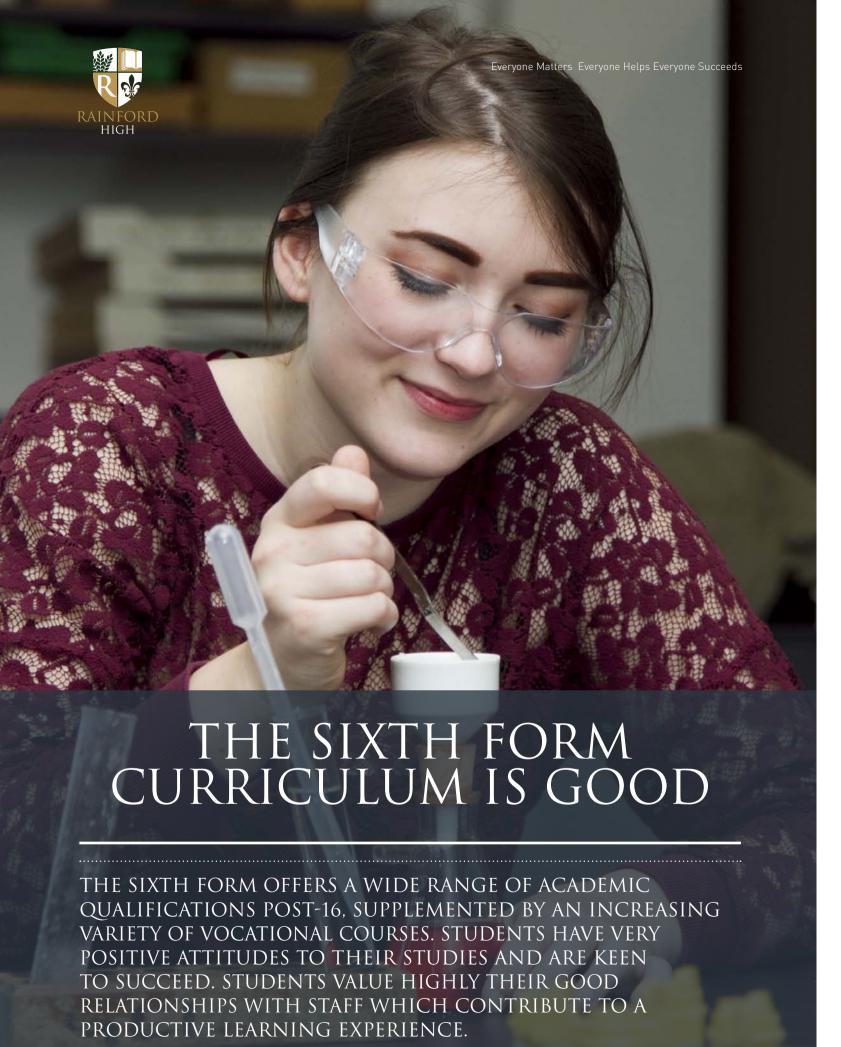
# RAINFORD HIGH OPENED ITS STATE-OF-THE-ART CAMPUS FULLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEPTEMBER 2013.

The stunning new building boasts some of the finest facilities in the region and hosts fantastic 21st Century learning environments. Our outdoor performance courtyard, immersive science lab and industry standard sports hall, are just some of the highlights on offer.



ALL STUDENTS WILL LOVE THE BRIGHT, MODERN INTERIOR THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL.





Ofsted 2015 'This is a good School'

#### WELCOME TO RAINFORD SIXTH FORM





# THE CLOSE-KNIT AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT ALLOWS ALL OUR STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO BE WHATEVER THEY WANT TO BE. BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND AS PART OF ONE BIG FAMILY.

This modern and purpose built Sixth Form provides for approximately 300 students: large enough to facilitate a broad range of subjects and experiences, yet still ensure all of our students are known as individuals and are personally supported. As a small, close-knit college, we have a strong focus on supporting our students to achieve not only their desired qualification, but their ambitions for the future as well.

Encouraging applications from our own Year 11s as well as students from surrounding areas, we offer over 25 traditional and vocational courses to choose from. Our students are therefore able to enjoy a package of courses suited to them and their chosen career route. With a strong belief in guiding our students to careers, not just courses, we find that the success rate for progression is excellent. Recent years have seen all of our students reaching their chosen destination upon leaving us and last year Rainford Sixth Form has been ranked as the 7th highest college nationally for students successfully gaining places at university.

Of course our good and improving results have been a factor in these recent successes, but we also pride ourselves in offering our students a wide range of bespoke enrichment activities and support to help prepare them for this success. Fortunately, due to our size, we are able to provide guidance and support on a one-to-one basis throughout a student's two year journey. We also champion success and provide extracurricular opportunities that will develop students both academically and socially, developing crucial skills consistently sought by employers in an increasingly

competitive world of employment. Summer 2017 not only saw our best results to date, with 55% of grades at A\*-B, but more students than ever secured competitive and globally recognised apprenticeships, as well as coveted places at the UK's top universities.

Finally, with fantastic state of the art facilities and a range of zoned learning environments to suit every individual, the learning experience at Rainford Sixth Form is enjoyed and embraced by all of our students.

We hope the beginning of your seven year journey begins enthusiastically at Rainford High and ends successfully at Rainford Sixth Form!

Please visit our website for further details: www. rainfordsixthform.org.uk

#### **Catherine Bembow**

Head of Sixth Form







#### GROW AS A PERSON...

...IN A CLOSE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT ENCOURAGES CHALLENGE AND REWARDS EFFORT. AS PART OF A LARGE INSTITUTION, RAINFORD OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES TO ENRICH YOUR LEARNING, WHILST BEING PART OF A POST 16 COMMUNITY WITH A DISTINCT IDENTITY.











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